

Remarks

After careful consideration of the outstanding Office Action, this application has been amended accordingly, and favorable reconsideration on the merits thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that "Claims 1-19, 22-27 and 47-61 is/are allowed." (See Office Action Summary, subparagraph 5) thereof.)

At the top of page 2, the Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 20, 21, 28-46 and 62-65 to an invention non-elected with traverse in Paper No. 6."

In the initial response, certificate of mailed on July 30, 2002, the undersigned elected the invention of Figs. 1-5 and indicated that claim 17 was one of many generic claims. Claim 20 and 21 originally each depended from claim 17, and though claim 17 was amended, it remained generic. Therefore, as the claims now stand, allowed generic claim 17 has depending therefrom each of claims 20 and 21. As is set forth in Section 806.04(d) of the MPEP, "Once a claim that is determined to be generic is allowed, all of the claims drawn to species in addition to the elected species which include all of the limitations of the generic claim would ordinarily be obviously allowable in view of the allowance of the generic claim, since the additional species will depend thereon or otherwise include all of the limitations thereof." In view of the latter, claims 20 and 21 should be included in this application and should be allowed because of the dependency of each from allowed generic claim 17.

In accordance with the foregoing, the undersigned by this amendment has **retained** claims 20 and 21 in the application but has cancelled claims

28-46 and 62-65. Therefore, by this amendment, all of the remaining claims in the application, including claims 20 and 21, should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, the formal allowance of all of the claims now of record is herewith respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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